



Launching a technology start-up?

**Do you need R&D money to
commercialize your concept ?**

We Can Help.

SBIR *small business innovation research*
seed funding for high-risk, high-reward private sector ventures

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We

Seek proposals from new & seasoned entrepreneurs/
innovators

- broad range of high-risk technologies to be commercialized
- potential for broad commercial benefits

Select proposals based on TECHNICAL & COMMERCIAL merit

Make about 600 awards annually to small businesses
and >\$115M in EQUITY-FREE grants

Demonstrate a steadfast commitment to
COMMERCIALIZING your technology

Could receive in excess of **\$1.5M**
equity-free grants in 2 phases +
supplements

You

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NSF SBIR/STTR by the numbers



- No. of companies funded each year..... ~600
- Total amount of awards annually..... >\$115M
- Median age of companies..... ~4 years
- Median no. of employees..... ~5
- How much we buy from your company..... \$0 (we give GRANTS, not contracts)
- Primary applicants *without* a PhD degree..~25%
- Companies receiving Phase II
award for the first time..... 70%

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